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STRESSES LIVESTOCK PROTECTION MEASURES

PROPOSE ANIMAL PROTECTION MEASURES -- Ho-fei Huan-pei Jih-pao, 17 Aug 50

To reduce indiscriminate slaughtering and loss of livestock in the calamity-stricken areas of North Anhwei, several local citizens jointly sent a letter to the editor of the Uhan-pei Jih-pao, suggesting that the following measures be adopted:

- 1. Educate people in the calamity-stricken areas to the fact that indiscreet killing of farm animals will seriously retard next year's agricultural activities.
- 2. Strictly forbid private slaughtering of farm animals, except such animals as have outlived their usefulness in productive work. These animals may be killed after the approval of the local government. Meat should have the inspector's stamp of the local tax bureau before being sold. All violators should be punished severely.
- 3. Strictly forbid speculative merchants enticing the masses to sell their cattle so that they may be bought at reduced prices. Such speculators should be punished severely.
- 4. Organize mutual-assistance teams to raise cattle collectively. In areas where calamities are light, a group of families could help feed the cattle of a family having difficulty in raising its own cattle. In areas where calamities are serious, herds should be moved to neighboring areas where grass is plentiful. Such cattle could be put into productive activities in that area, and owners should be paid in accordance with the amount of work done.
- 5. Upon voluntary request by the people, the local government should, depending on the seriousness of the calamity, grant loans of fodder. In such instances, people should be cautioned against depending too much on government help.

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6. Local governments should give technical advice, medicine, and equipment to agencies so that antiplague inoculations can be given to animals. Veterinarians should be so organized that they can be rushed immediately to areas where there are outbreaks of epidemics.

The decrease of cattle in North Anhwei can be seen clearly by studying the case of Ting-yuan Hsien. In 1949, the hsien had 28,150 head of cattle. By July 1950, sickness, starvation, and the calamittes of last winter and spring had resulted in the deaths of 1,691 head. The total number was further decreased by the indiscreet batchering, selling, and stealing of animals. At present, the hsien has only 22,000 head of cattle.

RINDERPECT STILL PREVALENT IN KWANGSI -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 23 May 50

The North Kvangsi Rinderpest-Prevention Unit, organized jointly by the Animal Husbendry and Veterinar, Department of Kwangsi University and the Liangfeng Livestock Experimentation Station, completed the inoculations of 13,869 head of cattle in Lin-kvei and Yung-fu heiens from 12 April to 3 May 1950, and made possible the completion of spring plowing without a single rinderpest outbreak. Assuming that each head of cattle can plow and seed 20 mou, the preventive inoculations have assured the plowing of 277,738 mou of land.

The rinderpest epidemic reported at the end of 1949 in Ho Hsien was checked by 25 April 1950. Some 180 head of cattle died from the disease during the period. On 27 April, two veterinarians from a local livestock-protection station inoculated 192 head of cattle in a 24-hour period. Rinderpest epidemics are still rayaging Tung-lien Ts'un, Hsiman Ts'un, Ch'eng Hsiang, Pai-sha, Shou-feng, Lung-yang, and Tung-hsi Hsiens.

RINDERPEST STRIKES HOPES -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao, 7 Jul 50

Hsing-t'ai -- Since the beginning of the summer of 1950, rinderpest epidemics have been prevalent in Hsing-t'ai Hsien, and the second and fifth ch'us in Chu-lu Hsien of Hopeh. In one 6-day period, eight cattle deaths were reported in Yu-chis and five in Wang-lu Ts'un. Similar conditions exist in other villages.

INCCULATES ANIMALS IN KANSU -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 4 Jul 50

Sian, 2 July (Hsin-hua) -- A rinderpest outbreak was first reported in January 1950 in Huang-ch'eng-t'an of Yung-teng Hsien in Kansu. The disease spread into Yung-ch'ang, Wu-wei, Ku-lang, and Shan-tan hsiens, and in a one-week period, some 1.000 cattle died from the disease. a 100-man preventive team, with 600,000 cubic centimeters of antirinderpest serum, was sent into the affected areas. The team inoculated 90,000 head in affected areas and 5,000 head of cattle in Wei-yuan Hsien and Lan-chou. The team is planning to inoculate a total of 400,000 head of cattle in the province. To prevent the spread of epizootic diseases, the Kansu Provincial People's government inoculate some 110,000 head of livestock from January to March 1950.

PREVENTS ANIMAL LOSSES -- Urumchi Sinkiang Jih-pao, 9 May 50

Urumchi -- The commander of the Sixth Army, PLA, has issued the following directive to subordinate units on preventing deaths of animals due to negligence, weather, and lack of fodder: Sow clover seed; maintain proper temperature and cleanliness in stables; do not feed animals immediately after work, give water one hour after feeding; feed salt once or twice each month; and prevent the sun's rays from striking the animals directly.

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SUNSTROKE KILLS MUKDEN ANIMALS -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 13 Aug 50

Mukden -- A pathological survey made by the Mukden Public Health Bureau has revealed that some 60 cattle died from heat prostration or sunstroke in recent weeks.

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